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SUBJECT	CATTLE Check of Berlin Document Center Records		
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<p>REFS: A. EDW-67229, dated 17 September 1965</p> <p>B. EDW-67444, dated 13 October 1965</p> <p>30</p> <p>1. In response to request in Ref. B, the following additional information concerning the involvement of the student body of the Police Officers' Schools at Berlin/Charlottenburg and Fuerstenberg/Necklenburg in SIPO and SD operations in Poland in September 1939 has been provided by alias CASTROP:</p> <p>a. The operational group engaged at the outbreak of the war in Poland in September 1939 was the so-called SIPO and SD Operational Group with the 14th Army (Einsatzgruppe s.b.V. der Polizei und SD bei der 14. Armee).</p> <p>b. This operational group was commanded by the SS-Obergruppenfuehrer <u>Udo von KOTTBACH</u> (born 24 July 1895 in Schmonevitz), and was activated on 3 September 1939. It was composed of four battalions of Ordnungspolizei under the command of the SIPO Colonel, Dr. JOHANNES RASCH (born on 7 December 1891 in Friedrichshagen). The Special SIPO Detachment was recruited from the student body of the Police Officers' School in Berlin/Charlottenburg, whose commanding officer was Brigadefuehrer Otto HELLMUTH (born on 24 February 1894 in Nordhausen) as well as from the student body of the Fuerstenberg/Necklenburg Police School, whose commanding officer was one SS-Oberfuehrer THEOPHIL HELLMUTH's Deputy at the time as Kriminalrat <u>SEIDENBERG</u> (born on 7 June 1901 in Bam or on 14 February 1906 in Appertal).</p> <p>(continued)</p> <p>Distributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief, CSB, Berlin - Chief, EE - Chief, CSB, Frankfurt - Chief, Main Ops Base <p>GROUP I EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION</p> <p>52W-2-20</p>			
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<p>c. Others who served in the Special BIPO Detachment were:</p> <p>Dr. BARTMAN Fritz, born 11 Sept. 1901 in Torgelow/Pom Dr. BARTHELS fru, born 17 Sept. 1911 in Zarnst or 2 March 1906 in Weide HUCK Heinrich, born 7 October 1905 in Veltheim/Weser JOHNER Kurt, born 25 March 1907 in Riedling Dr. KOCHER Hans, born 10 Sept. 1907 in Bamberg/Rhain KOCHER Alfred, born 27 Sept. 1914 in Luck KUSCHEL fru, born 16 February 1902 in Schapfitz or 11 Dec. 1902 in Danzig SCHULDE fru, born 9 March 1896 in Vehrenbach or 23 Aug. 1913 in Konstanz SCHMIDT Albert, born 6 May 1899 in Zeppenfeld or 16 Nov. 1918 in Allersberg SPIEGELHAUER Heinrich, born 25 Feb. 1910 in Hirschfelde VORTERL Josef, born 1 June 1910 in Salsburg WEINMANN fru, born 5 Aug. 1906 in Plettenberg or 1 Sept. 1909 in Seesen/Harz WIESSER Theodor, born 2 Feb. 1907 in Bad Rixlin/Ram WILKINSON Georg, born 30 March 1912 in Preist WUNDERSTEIN Heinrich, born 1 June 1912 in Kempten/Bay ZERNER Eugen, born 29 Dec. 1912 in Peine.</p> <p>d. CASTROF has requested that the Berlin Document Center make every effort, on the basis of the additional information provided above, to provide answers to the following:</p> <p>e. When and from what organizations the individuals listed above were transferred into the operational group under von WOTTSCH;</p> <p>f. Where and for how long they are operationally engaged in Poland and into what organizations they were assigned after serving in Poland. (Since, according to CASTROF's information, most members of the von WOTTSCH Operational Group are believed to have been attached to Stapostelle Kattowitz in September or October 1939, he expressed his particular interest in learning when and to what other Stapo or Kripo organizations any of the individuals listed above may have been detached or transferred after service in Stapostelle Kattowitz.)</p> <p>g. CASTROF states that he can appreciate the amount of work that may be involved on the part of the BDC staff in efforts to track down the information called for. He has indicated, however, that any information that may be forthcoming will be of considerable value to CATIDE in the pursuance of investigations of several important security cases involving persons suspected of having been involved in war crimes committed in Poland as members of the operational group under discussion. CASTROF has stressed again that this matter has been assigned a high priority within CATIDE. Accordingly, an early response will be most appreciated.</p>		
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4. The only identifiable Munich traces on any of the individuals listed above are the following:

a. VONTRAIL, Josef - ECMA-43135, dated 1 April 1957 requesting HOC traces; ECMA-4185b dated 29 May 1957 forwarding HOC trace results.

b. WILDEZIG, George - ECMA-64870 dated 14 July 1964 requesting HOC traces for CATIE; ECMA-8264 dated 21 August 1964 forwarding HOC trace results.

c. GEMER, Eugen - ECMA-67267 dated 1 October 1965 requesting HOC traces for CATIE.

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